# HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM OCTOBER 8, 2007 – 7:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Ben Moore, Chairman

Bill Lally, Vice Chairman

James Workman Virginia Bridle-Russell

Rick Griffin

Fred Welch, Town Manager

Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS:** 

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG** 

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. introduced those in attendance.

## I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mrs. Bridle-Russell announced the Second Annual James House Apple/Pear/Blueberry Cook-Off. The event will be held on October 13 at the James House. Recipes must have apples, pears and/or blueberries as the predominant ingredient. Proceeds will be used to fund James House restoration projects and programs.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell also announced that the Fire Department will be holding a ceremony to formally name the Town's Fire/Rescue Boat in honor of fallen Firefighter Bryan J. Litchfield on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Government Pier at 11:30 AM.

Chairman Moore announced the First Congregational Church, Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## II. APPOINTMENTS

#### 1. FINANCE DIRECTOR MIKE SCHWOTZER – UPDATE

Finance Director Schwotzer noted that the Motor Vehicle Fees on a year-to-date missed budget for the first time in six months. The difference is less than \$25,000 or an average of two days registrations. This account is tracked closely because it provides over 40% of the Town's total income budget.

Mr. Schwotzer noted that the State of NH Shared Revenue was received at \$72,000 or 10% higher than budgeted. At the tax rate setting, the final figures for State income will be supplied by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and will be included in the October report.

End of year parking lot revenues are totaled at \$290,000 (7% higher than last year). The Finance Director noted the parking administration is running at 99.9% of budget but its short season is almost complete. It is also important to note that the parking division is a major contributor to the Town's revenue stream.

The year-to-date revenues are only 63% of the budget. The Finance Director believes that the year-end total will be in the 98% range.

Expenses for operating all departments are 5.5% below budget. Mr. Schwotzer revised his calculations to remove the effect of money spent on "grants" (the majority being FEMA). He does not believe that this high level will be sustained and will continue to monitor this during the last quarter and especially the final weeks of the year.

The Police Department is within budget even with the increase for service during the summer months.

The Fire Department is 1.25% over budget. The main issues are overtime and vehicle maintenance.

The Transfer Station and total for Solid Waste Disposal are both over budget due to the booking of the Grant and April storm costs. The auditors will "increase" the budget in an amount equal to the money (to be) received from FEMA covering these expenditures.

The Welfare Department continues to experience high demand for services.

Mr. Schwotzer noted that debt service payments are not level throughout the year as each loan has its own specific payment date. He also state that in July \$5.4M in Tax Anticipated Notes (TAN) were paid off along with its associated interest expense of \$42,000 (the default budget is \$10,000). The Finance Director was pleased to note that since July, the Treasurer has not needed to borrow additional monies. The Treasurer does not expect to start drawing until mid-October which is more than a month later than 2006.

The encumbered purchase orders still remain open (open Warrant Article account is \$322,000). These will be re-reviewed and most should be liquidated in October.

The income shown for the EMS revolving fund only reflects seven plus months versus nine months of expenses. Comstar reports run a month behind on average. In addition, billings have been hampered by a lengthy loss of the internet connection (now fixed with a new phone line) at the Fire Department.

Mr. Schwotzer reported that the Town worked with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to secure a new SRF fund repayment schedule for the Kings Highway infrastructure project. It appears that the Town will be saving a substantial sum over the project estimates due to the early closure of the project. Mr. Schwotzer noted that they saved \$60,000 in 2007 by making these arrangements with a total \$940,000 savings over the 20 year life of the loan. He also believes there will be a similar affect on the Beach Infrastructure project.

The tax rate is tentatively scheduled to be set on October 19<sup>th</sup> subject to the receipt of the necessary MS-34 form from the Village District. The State will not set the rate until these forms are filed.

## SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO REPORT

Mrs. Bridle-Russell asked if the amount in the Recreation Special Revenue Fund (\$4,100) would be enough to fund the rest of the programs for the year. Mr. Schwotzer believes that there is prepayment for some of the programs and that some of the money will be returned during the year.

Mr. Workman said that the Welfare direct assistance is close to being over budget and with the busy time of year coming up it is something that will need to keep an eye on.

Mr. Lally asked about the status of the encumbrances before the end of the year. Mr. Schwotzer reported that the Town has expired \$103,000. There is currently \$437,000 open; of that amount \$321,000 are warrant articles the biggest one is that Woodland Road property (\$244,000), \$48,050 for engineering services dealing with Mill Road (non-FEMA money). Active Police Department purchase orders total \$21,675 and should be gone by the end of October. There is \$46,000 of purchase orders under "other", the majority being Public Works. Mr. Schwotzer does not anticipate any being held over.

Mr. Moore mentioned that the \$1.7M Kings Highway which is about \$500,000 less then what was originally discussed. He asked where the money was coming from. Mr. Schwotzer said that the project was \$2.2M in total. The fund report will be available next week or on October 22.

Chairman Moore asked about the FEMA funds associated with the April storm. Mr. Schwotzer believes that 87.5% will be paid by the state and approximately 60% has been received.

The Chairman also asked if the Town Manager has instructed department heads to hold spending at this point in time. Mr. Welch said that he hasn't but soon will. If there are legitimate encumbrances or contracts those bills should be out within 30 days.

## 2. FRED RICE – HAMPTON BEACH AREA COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman of the Hampton Beach Area Commission, Fred Rice came before the Board to present the Commission's 2007 annual report.

The Hampton Area Beach Commission was established four years ago by state legislature to provide advice on how to implement the Hampton Beach Master Plan. The duties of the Commission include consultation and advice to the Town and to state agencies to accomplish the goals set out in the 50-year plan.

The members of the Area Commission are as follows: Fred Rice, Chairman (Representing the Town of Hampton), Doug DePorter, Vice Chairman (Representing the NH Department of Transportation), Todd Loiseau (Representing the Town of Hampton), Tom McGuirk (Representing the Hampton Beach Village District), Geannina Guzman-Scanlan (Representing the Hampton Beach Village District), Chuck Rage (Representing the Hampton Chamber of Commerce), Brian Warburton, Secretary/Treasurer (Representing the NH DRED), Jennifer Gilbert (Representing the Office of Energy & Planning), and Fran McMahon (Representing the Rockingham Planning Commission). Administrative support is sought through the Town Planner Jamie Steffen.

The members have been split into subcommittees dealing with the following: Community Development, Beachscape, Zoning and Redevelopment as well as Transportation and Parking.

The non-profit "Friends of the Earth, Sea and Space Center" selected the Hampton Beach State park land near the river, currently used for parking as its first choice to locate a year-round educational and recreational museum facility. The Commission voted to endorse a study to evaluate the Center and its proposed location and to assist in obtaining formal letters of support for the Center from its local member agencies so that the "Friends" group could proceed with planning. Estimated attendance at the Center could reach 400,000 per year, which would be the catalyst for making Hampton Beach a year-round destination. This would upgrade the utilization of the State Park property from a parking lot to a true park, thus creating a substantial increase in local and state revenues, while also providing an "anchor attraction" for other improvements along the entire seacoast.

The Community Development subcommittee provided ongoing assistance to developers by reviewing plans and suggesting possible options for improving building design and other features that would bend in more appropriately with the "Victorian Village" theme. The subcommittee continued to seek local architects to help work on a "design guidelines" booklet to assist developers in the future.

The Beachscape subcommittee maintains contact with the Hampton Beach Village District Precinct, which has implemented several actions to improve the overall appearance of the beach. The Precinct's Beautifiation Committee has established attractive flower gardens at the Hampton River and Route 101 entries to the beach, and maintains flower beds in several other locations throughout the beach area.

The Zoning and Redevelopment subcommittee worked with the Town Planner and the Rockingham Planning Commission to recommend revisions and updates to the Town's beach zoning regulations. Recommendations were made to the Planning Board for Zoning changes that would delineate specific "neighborhoods" which shared a specific character, and which would promote commercial development in certain areas. The Planning Board felt that the proposed changes were too detailed, and did not propose them as warrant articles. Proposals offered this year include only a broad redesignation of current zoning, such as changing "beach seasonal" to "beach commercial".

The Transportation and Parking subcommittee has actively supported measures to replace, rather than rehab, the two-lane Underwood drawbridge over the Hampton River with a four-lane fixed span. The replacement would accommodate the growth anticipated for the area, eliminate the traffic delays caused by the drawbridge, and create adequate evacuation routes necessitated by homeland security concerns. Based upon input from the Commission and the Selectmen the DOT bridge design team will implement an option to take one year in 2008 for a minimal rehab, which would then allow eight years for the Town and Commission to arrange funding for a replacement before additional long-term (25 year) rehab measures would have to be implemented in 2016.

Last May, the "Hampton River Bridge Task Force" was created to pursue the construction of the new bridge. The Commission will head this effort, and is currently working with State Representative Stiles to get the bridge on the 10 year plan and to secure public and/or private funding within the available time.

Mr. Rice noted that the most critical needs at Hampton Beach are parking and transportation. During the past year, the subcommittee has initiated procedures to obtain a grant that would fund a complete revision and upgrade of the Rockingham Planning Commission's Route 1A and 1B Corridor Study. This would provide a comprehensive, objective study of the existing parking situation at Hampton.

Mr. Rice discussed the meeting that was held a few weeks ago to discuss the Seashell complex renovations. The Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) has asked the Hampton Beach Area Commission to be part of the selection process to choose a contractor to complete the work. It is anticipated that a contract will be rewarded in November.

## SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE REPORT

Mr. Lally asked if the transportation and parking subcommittee have meetings. Mr. Rice said that they do have working meetings but not public sessions.

Mr. Griffin asked if the Seashell Complex construction is still three years away. Mr. Rice confirmed that as being true.

Mr. Workman asked if the contact information for the Hampton Beach Area Commission is posted on the website. Mr. Welch will make certain that it is posted.

The Commission meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Hampton Police Station. The public is encouraged to attend.

Chairman Moore expressed his concerns about the Commission's public input process. Mr. Rice noted that the Commission functions in a similar manner as the Budget Committee and they do not accept public comment until they have a public hearing. Mr. Moore also noted that there is an irregular posting of the Commission's minutes and it is difficult for the public to access regular information. Mr. Rice explained that DRED originally supplied a recording secretary however this service has been lost. He noted that Brian Warburton has taken over the duties and a good set of minutes have been generated from the last meeting.

## III. MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2007

Page 1 – under Public Hearing – there were "no comments".

Approved as corrected

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

## 1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager reported that the Town Clerk has arranged for residents to signup for an email reminder for their vehicle registrations by going to <a href="www.hamptonnh.gov">www.hamptonnh.gov</a> and clicking on e-mail auto registration reminder and completing the questions. Residents may also signup for automatic dog license renewal email reminders (sent on April 1st). Dog owners may signup for this service when they visit the Hampton website and click on email dog license renewal reminder. The Clerk's office is also planning on mailing written notices to dog owners as well.

The Natural Resources Outreach Coalition will continue their meetings on growth in Hampton on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Hampton Academy cafeteria.

The Department of Public Works opened bids for drain and sewer projects that have been awarded to the lowest bidder, Simard Construction. The company will be replacing a cross country drain between Winnacunnet Road and Park Avenue at a cost of \$77,270. The Sanborn Road sewer project will be completed for a cost of \$61,800.15. Mr. Welch reported that both projects came in under the original estimates.

## SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Moore asked if the Town Manager is planning on attending the Estuary Alliance for Sewage Treatment meeting on December 1. Mr. Welch said that the Public Works Director and he are planning on going.

Mr. Moore noted that the crosswalk at Ocean Boulevard and Winnacunnet is a bit more complicated than first anticipated. Mr. Welch noted that he has a recommendation regarding the location and he will submit written communication with DRED and see if a conclusion can be developed and submitted via DRED to the DOT.

Chairman Moore asked if the Town Manager has come to a conclusion regarding the confusion with the lights at the corner of High Street and Route 1. Mr. Welch has asked Public Works to study the traffic signal as well as signage.

Mr. Griffin asked where the recommendation is for the new crosswalk. Mr. Welch said that it would be at the northern location of Winnacunnet Road and Route 1 intersection.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Deputy Tax Collector Rosann Manock has resigned from her position effective October 12. Tax Collector Joyce Sheehan recommended the Board of Selectmen appoint Donna Bennett to the position.

Mr. Griffin MOTIONED to accept the Tax Collector's recommendation and appoint Donna Bennett to the position. Mr. Lally SECONDED.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR** 

#### 2. BUDGET – MOSQUITO CONTROL

Chairman of the Mosquito Control Commission Anne Kaiser and Commission member Richard Reniere addressed the Board. The Commission's budget is level funded at \$60,000. To ensure that Hampton receives proper mosquito eradication control the Commission is planning on submitting a warrant article for an additional \$50,000. It is also likely that there will be additional funding available through the NH Health and Human Services

Mr. Griffin noted that there have been a few confirmed cases of mosquito borne diseases in New Hampshire seacoast region.

## 3. BUDGET – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director John Hangen, Operation Manager Doug Mellin and Assistant to Operations Manager Theresa McGinnis addressed the Board. Mr. Hangen reported that the Department is in good financial shape considering the past four years of default budgets. He also pointed out that Public Works employees have stepped up to the plate and have accomplished many projects.

There was \$380,000 taken out of last year's budget. The major impact proposed is the elimination of picking up commercial trash for a cost savings of \$169,000 (out of the tipping fee and transportation fee). The Town Manager has removed \$121,000 out of the Directors proposed budget for infrastructure reinvestment in highway resurfacing. So the Department will not be proposing the traditional yearly road improvements around town (\$350,000).

Mr. Hangen pointed out that Hampton generates more trash than Exeter and Portsmouth combined. The Director sought the support of the Board to reduce trash by 22%. Exeter has a system where people buy bags at the local supermarket and it is not on the tax role. Portsmouth has trash on its tax role and collects very little commercial garbage.

The Public Works Director mentioned that he is not aware of any New Hampshire town that collects commercial trash like Hampton does. He said that times are tough and decisions need to be made to cut costs.

Mr. Griffin asked what Portsmouth and Exeter does for recycling. Mr. Hangen said the same as what he is proposing; put as much recycled materials out as possible and they will be picked up.

Mr. Griffin asked if the recycling contract negotiations with Waste Management are complete. Mr. Hangen said that it is complete and that Hampton will be receiving a return of the sale of commodities. Mr. Griffin inquired if residents will be able to recycle more plastic items. Mr. Hangen believes that only one and two type plastics are currently accepted but it is possible and probable that others could be added. Mr. Griffin believes that residents do not understand what can and can't be recycled. The Director noted that people may get information about recycling at the transfer station and it is on Channel 22 and on the Town's website.

Mr. Griffin asked if better hours could be incorporated at the transfer station if commercial trash pickup is changed. Mr. Hangen noted that Hampton's transfer station is open six days a week and many towns only have theirs open once a week. He also pointed out that if there are extended hours then there will be overtime wages that need to be placed in the budget. The Director suggested the businesses consider hiring a commercial hauler to remove garbage. Mrs. Bridle-Russell noted that the transfer station closes at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and it is not user-friendly hours. She also pointed out that the Town cannot force people to recycle and that the public needs to become educated. Mr. Hangen noted that the Town could save significant amounts of money if residents recycle more.

Mr. Hangen proposed the following solid waste program:

- Once per week pickup of residential and business
- Limit of three, 32 gallon barrels per lot. This affects condominiums and apartments
- Allow 100 pounds free at the Transfer Station per week per lot
- No more free weight at Transfer Station for commercial
- Fees at the Transfer Station shall be 6¢/lb if recyclables are removed and 10¢/pound if recyclables are mixed with trash
- All recycling will be free at the curb and at the Transfer Station
- Branches, leaves and grass remains free at Transfer Station
- During summer months the Town will pick-up the Town owned rubbish barrels along Ocean Boulevard. Business will not be allowed to use these barrels for their trash.

Mr. Hangen suggested that the Town generate some income by selling additional bags for property owners who want to throw out more.

Mr. Griffin asked how the proposed would impact condos. Mr. Hangen said that condos will have a choice of putting out three barrels plus recycling or hire a commercial trash hauler.

Mr. Workman asked where residents could pickup additional bags. Mr. Hangen said that arrangements would have to be made with local grocery stores and could be sold at the Town Office.

Mr. Workman noted that during the summer months the Town will pickup rubbish barrels every day along Ocean Boulevard. He asked if the Town currently does this. Mr. Hangen said that the Town picks up during the day and that DRED picks up during the morning and evening.

Mr. Hangen pointed out that some business owners will say that they are taxpayers and should receive the current trash services. Mr. Hangen stated that residential taxpayers have been subsidizing business owners' trash service for the last 10 years.

Mrs. Bridle-Russell noted that the proposed system treats all property owners equally.

Mr. Lally said that property owners are allowed 100 lbs of trash free/week at the transfer station. Mr. Hangen noted that property owners have been given a key tag with a barcode so that transfer station attendants can keep track of the volumes of trash. After the 100 lbs property owners will pay  $6\phi/lb$ . Mr. Lally noted that the property owners hurt the most by the proposal is the small business owners. He also noted that many businesses in the beach area do not have room for a dumpster.

Mr. Lally would also like to discuss longer hours at the transfer station.

Mr. Griffin asked if there could be a public hearing prior to making a decision next week. He noted that many businesses will be affected by the decision and the Board should provide an opportunity for the public to express their concerns.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow citizens the opportunity to express their concerns about the proposed trash pickup system to the Selectmen and Town Manger over the following week.

Mr. Hangen also noted that the proposed trash pickup would allow some of the trash crews to fill shifts in the highway division.

The Town Manager has provided the Public Works Department with the resources to take over the parks maintenance work. Mr. Lally noted that the Hampton Youth Association is a good resource for the Department to utilize. Mr. Hangen reported that Public Works will be cutting the grass but will not be marking lines. Mr. Schwotzer noted that of the six part-time staff; three will be allocated to the Public Works Department to mow and three will be assigned to the Recreation Department to line fields.

The Board went on to review the remainder of Public Works budget. The grand total for the Public Works Department is \$6,011,637.

## 4. BUDGET – FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Town Manager, Fire Chief, two deputy Chiefs and union representatives met last Friday to develop a plan for the 2008 budget. The Chief submitted a letter to the Selectmen and read the letter to the audience. Within the letter the Chief recommended the following:

- Include the two Fire Department Deputies in the 2008 Operating Budget.
- The reduction of up to \$133,500 of Department's original request.
- The expenditure of \$50,000 for an independent Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency Study.
- Budgetary Status Reviews be conducted with the Town Manager, Finance Office, Senior Fire Department Staff, and the leaders of both Labor Organizations every 90 days.

The original budget was set at \$3.3M and the Town Manager adjusted it to \$3.2M budget. After last Friday's meeting the 2008 proposed budget for the Fire Department was decreased to \$3.16M. Finance Director Schwotzer described the adjustments. The cost of adding the two Deputies back into the budget is \$105,019 (includes: wage, holiday pay, staff development, uniforms, and gasoline) to the Fire Department. The overall effect of the proposed adjustments to the Fire Department budget has been reduced by \$133,500 or net minus \$28,481.

The total effect of reinstating the Deputy positions to the overall budget is an increase of \$83,843. The increase is a result of the study (\$50,000), and increases in Medicare, NH Retirement, Health Insurance, Life Insurance and Workers Compensation.

Mr. Moore asked about the EMS fund and the ambulance replacement. Mr. Schwotzer discussed the EMS fund and noted that there were no changes.

Chairman Moore asked about the \$70,000 reduction in overtime. The Town Manager noted that this year there were four people on workers compensation and that is extremely unusual. Typically there is only one firefighter out on leave or workers compensation.

Mr. Griffin asked the Town Manger how he feels about the proposed plan and budget in comparison to his original decision. Mr. Welch said that if the Board wants to include the Deputy Chief positions they need to determine what the necessary manpower is needed for the Department from an outside source. The Town Manager believes that the study is necessary to determine how to realign and allocate the resources available. Mr. Welch also pointed out that there is equipment needed by the Department such as the four inch hose.

The Town Manager maintained his position by stating that the Hampton Fire Department requires another four firefighters. He believes that the only way to get additional firefighters is by utilizing the Safer Program and seeking voter approval by warrant article.

**Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED** to approve the plan as presented tonight by the Fire Chief that includes the two Fire Deputies, the proposed reductions to the Department, a \$50,000 Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency Study and a budgetary Status Review conducted every 90 days. **Mr. Workman SECONDED**. **Discussion:** 

Mr. Lally is doubtful that the study will provide an effective solution. He suggested that union leaders be involved in the study so that any recommendations are not in conflict with union contracts. Mr. Griffin believes that the new Town Manager did an independent study and that the Board is not listening to the voters. Mrs. Bridle-Russell disagreed with Mr. Griffin's remarks and noted that the budget is lower and that this is the best budget discussions that she has seen in a long time. She applauded the Town Manager for getting all the groups together to discuss the budget. Mr. Lally believes that voters are most interested in a reduced bottom-

line budget and lower taxes. Mr. Moore is skeptical that the study will provide results that the Board and voters are looking for.

VOTE: 3 FOR OPPOSED – Griffin & Moore

## OTHER BUSINESS CONTINUED

**Mrs. Bridle-Russell MOTIONED** to approve the following four budget item adjustments: Computer Equipment Replacement (\$40,500), Merit Pay – nonunion non-exempt (\$9,618), Building Maintenance (\$8,000) and Unemployment Compensation (\$10,652). **Mr. Lally SECONDED**.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR** 

The Town Manager presented a draft list of warrant articles for the Selectmen to review.

Mr. Lally noted that there was a resident who expressed her disappointment in the Hampton Union about the Selectmen cancelling the Christmas Parade. Mr. Workman mentioned that he had spoke to the individual and informed them that the Parade is a Chamber event and it was their decision to cancel it. This individual apologized for their mistake.

## VI. CONSENT AGENDA

## 1. SIGN PERMIT

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to approve the Rockingham Craftsmen sign permit as presented. Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR** 

## VII PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary-Louise Woolsey (148 Little River Road) Mrs. Woolsey commended the Town Manager for generating solid discussion regarding the Fire Department. She believes that the Department has been broken since 2005. Mrs. Woolsey noted that the overtime is bleeding the Department. She discussed her concern for how much it costs the Town to provide police and emergency services to the Seafood Festival and believes that this should be revisited. These services are costing the taxpayers when the price should be absorbed by the businesses participating in the Festival or by the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Woolsey noted that losing firefighters creates a devastating effect to the Department as a whole. She would like to see additional firefighters added to the force so that overtime can be reduced. Mrs. Woolsey also pointed out that liability is a concern for the Town when not providing enough staff to create a safe work condition. She also talked about a rotating vehicle schedule for departments.

Richard Paquin (11 F Street) came before the Board to discuss commercial trash removal. He believes that many residents believe that all businesses get trash picked up seven days a week at the Beach. He noted that only restaurants receive trash pickup everyday of the week, not hotels and other places of business. Mr. Paquin

said that he goes above and beyond to recycle materials at his hotel. He believes that there is lack of enforcement when it comes to trash removal at some residential locations. Mr. Paquin noted that hotels and stores get trash pickup three times a week and suggested that pickup only be two times a week. He also noted that restaurants and hotels pay a room and meals tax and a portion of that comes back to the Town.

Chuck Rage is a Hampton Beach business owner. His businesses are open only 12 weeks during the summer season. Mr. Ray does not believe that trash needs to be picked up three times a week in the winter time. He agrees that there should be more recycling but noted that many businesses need larger bins. Mr. Ray is also concerned that people will dump trash around Town if there is not a user friendly garbage disposal system. In addition, he thought that there should be a public meeting on commercial trash pickup.

# VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mr. Griffin commented on witnessing some individuals leaving garbage bags in front of a business in Seabrook and pointed out that Hampton may experience trash being dumped rather than removing it appropriately.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Workman MOTIONED to adjourn at 10:42 p.m. Mrs. Bridle-Russell SECONDED.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR